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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SIGNED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
FORD TO GOVERNOR GENERAL GUISE, DATED SEPTEMBER 16:

QUOTE

DEAR GOVERNOR GENERAL:

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT, AS PAPUA NEW GUINEA
OBTAINS ITS INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT EXTENDS RECOGNITION. IT IS OUR HOPE, WITH YOUR
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AGREEMENT, THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CAN BE ESTABLISHED

BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES ON THE DATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INDEPENDENCE.

WE BELIEVE THERE IS A SOUND BASIS FOR CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA. HISTORICALLY, RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES BECAME SIGNIFICANT DURING WORLD WAR II, WHEN

MANY AMERICANS SERVED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA. THESE TIES HAVE DEVELOPED FURTHER AS THE RESULT OF THE MANY AMERICANS WHO HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA, THE TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES, AND THE MUTUAL CONCERN WE SHARE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, AND POLITICAL FREEDOM.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS TO COME. WE FULLY SHARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE PROGRESS AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR COUNTRY TO SECURE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL MANKIND.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

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